

CONQUEROR OF THE SOUDAN

LARGE EMPIRE THE SON OF A SLAVE
HAS REIGNED IN AFRICA.

Remarkable Career of Sultan Rabah, Who Has Just Massacred a French Expedition—His Fifteen Years of Conquests—All Children Brought with Him Sign of Power.

The new came from Europe the other day that the Sultan Rabah, who now rules supreme over a vast territory between Darfur and Lake Chad in Central Africa had massacred the entire French expedition under the command of M. Bretteville, who left France in September last year to cross the country from the Congo to Lake Chad. His party was approaching the lake when the terrible tragedy occurred. Another report says that Bretteville himself was not killed but is a prisoner in the hands of Rabah. However this may be, it is unfortunately true that the expedition has been wiped out by the



son of a slave whose history reads like a romance, for he has risen in a few years from nothing to a position of despotic power over millions of people and is today the most powerful native ruler in tropical Africa.

It was an easy matter for France, England and Germany to divide the territory among them on paper, but they will find him the hardest nut to crack they have picked up in Africa when they try to take effective possession of the country. The world has heard little of Rabah's triumphant progress for several years. To most of us he has been a name, but it was known that he had overthrown the rulers of vast native states, one after another, and called himself, not only Sultan, but the Mahdi. This article tells what is known of the remarkable history of Rabah and of the means by which he has acquired and maintained his power. The map shows the empire he has carved out for himself and the diverse regions chiefly identified with the history he has made. To make his rise and progress clearly understood it will be necessary, first, to refer to some events that occurred before he became the leading figure in affairs.

In 1874, Ismail Pasha, the Egyptian Governor of Khartoum, advised the Egyptian Government to annex to Egyptian territory the large countries of Darfur and Dar Fenu. He received powerful assistance in this conquest from a wealthy slave dealer and trader named Zehab, who had immense slave depots in the Province of Bahir-Ghazal and large bands of armed men who went on expeditions to capture slaves. Zehab, a personage Zehab for his valuable aid. Egypt made him rank of Bey. He went to Cairo to be invested with his title, leaving the government of his province in the hands of his son Suleiman, who, intoxicated by the power he now wielded and increased by orders from Cairo to extend his raiding for slaves, allied himself with the deposed Sultan of Darfur and attacked the Egyptian posts. When this news reached Cairo Zehab was ordered to return to his province and was permitted to return to the Sudan.

Then Gresh Pasha, who Gordon had made Governor of Khartoum but who was not in the Sudan, first turned to the Congo basin, in the southwest, and he invaded the country of the Bahir-Ghazal and the Sudan. He was successful in driving them toward the Nile, where he captured them. He then turned to the south, where he was successful in driving them toward the Nile, where he captured them. He then turned to the south, where he was successful in driving them toward the Nile, where he captured them.

Rabah, the son of a slave, was a foster brother of Zehab with whom he was reared. He fought against Gresh Pasha and was successful in driving him from the Sudan. He then turned to the south, where he was successful in driving them toward the Nile, where he captured them. He then turned to the south, where he was successful in driving them toward the Nile, where he captured them.

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A LESSON FOR WIVES.

Demonstration of Reasons Why Husbands Do Not Always Save Money.

It was her private opinion that he was not a good business man, and possibly she was right. "I can handle the family finances better than you," she was accustomed to say, and she said it so often that he finally told her to try it.

"I'll have my personal account at the bank put in your name," she said, "and I'll proceed to stand under. All bills, everything that pertains to our living expenses, shall be attended to by you. I will draw a certain amount each week for such personal expenses as lunches and car fare, with a small allowance for something in the liquid line occasionally, but you shall have entire charge of everything else."

Naturally she was jubilant. She hadn't put in ten years telling him how he could save money without getting the idea that she knew something about it. It took a little time to have his book written up and the account transferred to her, but finally one evening he brought home a nice little book, and she said, "And I'll proceed to stand under. All bills, everything that pertains to our living expenses, shall be attended to by you. I will draw a certain amount each week for such personal expenses as lunches and car fare, with a small allowance for something in the liquid line occasionally, but you shall have entire charge of everything else."

Just about a week later she met him at the office late one afternoon and went to dinner with him. They had had no previous occasion when they had taken dinner together downtown, and she enjoyed it thoroughly until he pushed the check for it over to her.

"What's that for?" she asked.

"Pay it," he said.

"But I don't do any such thing," she returned, "I don't pay it myself."

"I haven't anything to do with it," he insisted. "You're the cashier. You've started in to show me how to keep track of it, and naturally you'll find it no trick at all if I pay your bills. I'll have my personal account at the bank put in your name, and I'll proceed to stand under. All bills, everything that pertains to our living expenses, shall be attended to by you. I will draw a certain amount each week for such personal expenses as lunches and car fare, with a small allowance for something in the liquid line occasionally, but you shall have entire charge of everything else."

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THEIR DISAPPEARANCE WAS ONE OF THE OCEAN'S MYSTERIES.

Three Years After Their Discovery in 1879 in the Gulf Stream, the Fishes Have Returned to the Gulf Stream Not Yet Explained by Science—Value of the Fish.

Some day it may be that the detective forces of science will discover the secret of the disappearance of the tilefish from the waters of the eastern coast of this country. At present it remains one of the mysteries of the ocean depths and scientists can only guess at the cause of the disappearance. It is believed that the fish were driven from the Gulf Stream by a cold wave, which was followed by a warm wave, which drove them back to the Gulf Stream.

The tilefish is a bright-headed and handsome fish, running as high as thirty pounds in weight, and is known scientifically as *Lepidionosteus*. It is a member of the family *Scorpaenidae*, and is related to the scorpionfish and the sea scorpion. It is believed to be found in the Gulf Stream, and is a valuable food fish.

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SOME NOTED BACHELORS.

Men of Mark in Politics, Art and Literature Who Never Married.

Samuel J. Tilden was the richest American who ever entered public life and remained single to the end of his days. His persistent celibacy was remarkable, for, unlike Sir Isaac Newton, Tilden was born with money, and thus from his youth was considered eligible by the mammae of many young women.

No Republican of half Mr. Tilden's prominence has gone through life without marrying, but, including David Bennett Hill, who seems to be a confirmed bachelor, Democracy's rolls show a noteworthy triumvirate of the distinguished celebrities, James Buchanan, the president, and President, being the third member thereof. Buchanan is understood to have refrained from taking a wife because the girl upon whom he set his youthful affections was obstinate. He is said to have refused to marry her, as she would not leave her father's house.

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LIFE WITHOUT NEIGHBORS.

TWO BROTHERS WHO ACTUALLY OWN "ALL THE LAND THAT JOINS THEM."

Necessary to Take a Little Sea Voyage When They Make a Cruise on a Boat in the Sea, Which Was Found by Accident.

Fancy owning an island paradise in your own right? Imagine being absolute lord and master of a little sea gem, a palm-crowned atoll, washed in the sparkling blue waters of the Pacific Ocean, and separated by hundreds of miles of ocean from all contact with civilization. It is a lot which all who have a trace of romance in their composition must covet, yet its attainment, in these modern days, is practically impossible. You cannot go and take or buy an island, as they did half a century ago, for the simple reason that there are no unoccupied ones left to take. The whole surface of the Pacific has been so thoroughly explored, crossed and recrossed in every direction by thousands of ships, that even the tiniest of reefs have been discovered and given a name. The only islands left to be taken are those which have been discovered by accident, and which have been discovered by accident.

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